

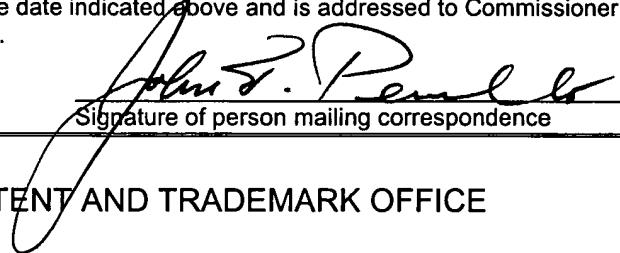
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicant requests consideration of this information disclosure statement.

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A.  This information disclosure statement has been filed

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#### Information Cited

A. [X] The applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of the references. Applicants have omitted from this submission copies of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in accordance with the Office's waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. See "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," USPTO Pre-OG Notice, July 11, 2003.

B. [X] The applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

1) ITL Corporation - Samplok® Sampling Kit (SSK) Product information from ITL Corporation Product catalog, available on-line (internet) through URL:

[www.itlcoporation.com/level2/frames/products/i\\_ssk.htm](http://www.itlcoporation.com/level2/frames/products/i_ssk.htm)

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2) Gambro BCT - Example Standard Operating Procedure: Sampling Platelet Products Using the Tima® Accel® Enhanced Platelet, Plasma RBC Set Catalog #80440,80449 And/Or Blood Component Sampling Set Catalog # 70051, Gambro BCT, Inc. 8 pages. Date available: copyright notice for the catalog entry provides date of first publication as 2005. Earliest date available is unknown.

3) Charter Medical – Platelet Sampling Devices , Product information from Charter Medical Ltd. Product catalog, available on-line (internet) through URL:  
[www.chartermedical.com/products\\_catalog-detail.cfm?PID=73&cid=79](http://www.chartermedical.com/products_catalog-detail.cfm?PID=73&cid=79)  
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attached.

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- The examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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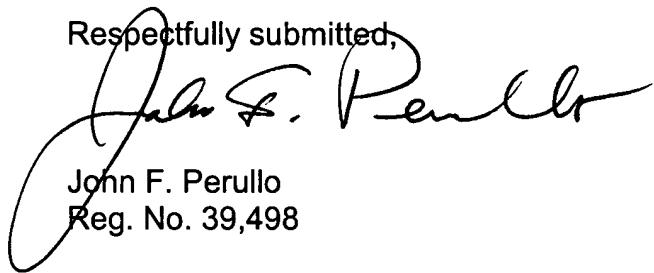
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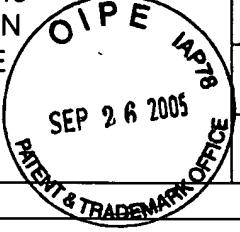
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